

CHASE OF VILLA GATHERS CLOUDS OF OMINOUS HUE AS IT DEVELOPS

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CARRANZA COMMANDER ORDERS PERSHING HELD

American Troops Not Yet In Touch With Bandit General and Forces Continue To Pour Over Border To Help Invasion Along

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Officially, the "interior of Mexico is fairly quiet." Unofficially, the interior of Mexico is seething with anti-American feeling. Despatches from El Paso and other border towns tell of the exodus of Americans from the troubled portions of the southern republic and the growing tension between Carranza and the United States.

General Carranza, the Carranza officer commanding the garrison at Juarez, just across the river from El Paso, is reported to have telegraphed to the commander of the Carranza troops at Casas Grandes not to allow the American expedition to occupy that town, where it was expected about midnight last night. There was no verification of this report, unless one excepts the constantly increasing show of hostile feeling in Juarez and other Mexican border towns. General Carranza is the only authority for the whereabouts of the American column under General Pershing. Casas Grandes is sixty miles south of the boundary-line point where the expeditionary forces of the United States crossed on their way after General Villa.

Villa Burns Railway Bridge

War department and state department officials declare themselves in the dark as to the probable tactics which will be followed by Villa. Indications are that he intends to keep up a running fight or give his warfare against the Americans but the advice to the departments are that the pursuing troops have not yet come in touch with any of the roving bands of robbers, believed to have been thrown off from the main forces of the fleeing bandit leader in his flight after raiding Columbus, New Mexico.

It is reported that the only attempt Villa has made as yet to hamper the movement of the column under General Pershing has been to burn the railroad bridge at San Pedro, state of Chihuahua. This bridge is in direct line of the pursuit, and in the path of the main expeditionary force.

The greatest activity is being shown at Columbus, according to reports from that point. General Pershing, who has been moving troops to the points along the border where the garrison guards were depleted, has ordered the columns under General Pershing and Colonel Todd, and has now succeeded in filling all the gaps in the line, is said to be pushing fresh troops across the border in the trail of those who started first.

The chief object of this last move by the American commander is said in military circles here to be a desire to maintain the lines of communication between General Pershing and the troops now crossing the border, and it is said that they are moving constantly, day and night, are infantrymen. It was announced at headquarters of the expeditionary forces at San Antonio, before the columns set out, that foot soldiers would be used to hold open the lines of communications.

While most of the troops so employed are infantrymen, it was announced late last night that two semi-cavalry units of cavalry had been ordered to cross the border at a point west of Columbus, but no intention of the purpose of this move was allowed to leak out at headquarters.

The cost of the expedition against Villa was estimated last night at approximately \$400,000 a day, and it is expected that figure will be substantially increased before the bandit leader is captured.

Reports from El Paso announced that the Americans in Mexico are wild with delight over the recent developments and are doing all they can to assist the invaders. One stock man is said to have published an offer of \$50,000 reward for Villa alive or dead. Other rewards of a similar nature but of smaller figures are said to have been made by other business men of Mexico.

The state department announced that Consul Sullivan, who is in close touch with General Carranza, had wired Washington that he has received satisfactory assurances that the expeditionary forces of the United States will not be opposed by any of the Carranza forces. Other despatches report that Carranza troops are co-operating with General Pershing. Douglas, a born, announces that General Carranza has four hundred men preparing to join the march with the Americans.

The state of the senate is proving more pleasing to the administration. The body yesterday adopted without dissent a resolution offered by Senator La Follette, approving the sending of troops to capture Villa, and as in Mexico that the "invasion" of this country has for its sole purpose the overthrow of the bandit leader and his immediate followers.

King and Queen Honor Irish On St. Patrick's Day

Distribute Shamrocks To Celtic Troops and Establish Regiment As 'Victoria Guard'

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 18.—The King and Queen observed St. Patrick's Day by a ceremonial visit to the headquarters of the Irish guards here. The regimental officers on duty and the reserve battalions undergoing training for the trenches were turned out in full dress for the visit.

Her Majesty brought with her a supply of Irish shamrocks, sent to her by John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, and these she distributed among the officers.

King George in a brief address lauded the bravery of the famous old regiment, remarking on the fact that it had done in past wars, as well as during the fighting in Flanders. He established the regiment as the Irish Victoria Guard, in commemoration of its deeds during the South African war.

TURBANTIA SINKING ANGERS HOLLANDERS

Resentment Against Germans Wide-Spread Among Dutch

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

THE HAGUE, March 17.—The sinking of the fine Dutch liner Turbantia, reported yesterday, has aroused widespread resentment in the Dutch nation against Germany, whose submarine policy is held responsible for the loss of the steamer and the probable loss of lives.

The Turbantia, outward bound from Amsterdam to the river Plate, South America, sank off Northbrider light ship.

In a vigorous article today the Vredeland calls attention to the fact that the Turbantia was sunk simultaneously with the resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, and states that his successor is proving that he is continuing the submarine program by sinking the newest and finest vessel flying the Dutch flag.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The American consul for Holland, Frank M. Min, has been instructed to investigate the Turbantia sinking. The American consular agents at Gibraltar and Lisbon have also been instructed to investigate the sinking of the liner. The French steamer Patria, which narrowly escaped a submarine attack off Algeria a few days ago, the Patria is declared to have been attacked without warning. A number of American passengers were saved.

FEAR MANY CASUALTIES

LONDON, March 17.—According to a despatch from a Renter correspondent at Flushing, without doubt there have been casualties in the sinking of the Turbantia.

Members of the crew may say that the explosion occurred amidships and shattered the deck and the lifeboats. The violence of the explosion indicates that the steamer was torpedoed.

The Dutch admiralty states that 37 from the Turbantia have arrived in Holland. Revised lists of those aboard show there should be 381. The Richard Carmen Schillings, wealthy New Yorkers, were saved.

The ship bore identification marks showing that she was a neutral.

NO CHANGE IN DIVER WAR SAYS GERMAN ADMIRALTY

BERLIN, March 17.—It was official by stated today that the submarine war fare will proceed under the limitations already explained to neutrals, but that there will be no indiscriminate sinkings.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAY REPLACE SUNKEN VESSELS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 18.—The marine committee of the chamber of deputies yesterday asked the government to announce that every merchantman destroyed by mine or submarine during the war will be replaced after peace is declared by a similar ship belonging to the navy. There are more than enough German and Austrian ships captured in French ports at the outbreak of the war to make good the vessels lost so far.

KAISER MAY FORCE HIS FLEET TO MEET BRITISH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 17.—The resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, minister of the navy, is believed to be due to his unwillingness to accede to the Kaiser's desire to send the big fleet into battle. The change in naval command may pre-empt the preparation of the German high sea fleet for an early sortie against the British fleet.

A FAMILY NECESSITY.

Every family should be provided with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all times. Sprains may be cured in much less time when promptly treated. Lame back, lame shoulder, pains in the side and chest and rheumatic pains are some of the diseases for which it is especially valuable. Try this liniment and become acquainted with its qualities and you will never wish to be without it. For sale by all dealers. Hudson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

MASTER OF TENYO IS CAPTAIN SMITH

Commander of Nippon Maru Will Fill the Vacancy Left By Death

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Capt. H. Stanley Smith, now master of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamer Nippon Maru, will succeed the dead Capt. W. W. Greene as master of the Tenyo Maru, according to a cablegram from Tokyo received by the Nippon Jiji yesterday. The Advertiser had published the statement that he probably would succeed Captain Greene, who died Wednesday morning, and whose body was sent to San Francisco in the Great Northern Thursday night.

Captain Smith once had the big liner Shinyo Maru, but recently has been in command of the Nippon and of South American steamers.

Succeeding Captain Smith as master of the Nippon, the Jiji's cable said, will be Captain Nakano of the T. K. K. South American liner Kyo Maru.

It is believed that M. Jin, former first officer of the Tenyo Maru, will take the Kyo Maru. It was said on the Tenyo Maru that Mr. Jin had remained at Yokohama to take command of a freighter, but that detail had been made before the company knew there would be a vacancy in the Tenyo's command.

It is expected that Captain Smith will leave the Nippon Maru when he arrives here from Yokohama February 26 and take the Tenyo Maru when she returns from San Francisco a week or so later. Mr. Otsuaki is expected to bring the Tenyo here from the Coast.

PRICE OF SUGAR NEAR SIX CENTS

Takes Another Leap Forward Yesterday and Market Closes At \$117.80 a Ton

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Sugar leaped forward again yesterday in price. From 5.46 a pound the price rose to 5.60 a pound, or \$117.80 a ton, and local sugar men believe the price may go even higher.

The jump probably was due to unfavorable conditions in Cuba. The six-cent price level has not ruled in the sugar market since August and September, 1914, the panic months immediately following the declaration of war. The price rose to 6.52 August 17, 1914, then varied around six cents for nearly a month and again rose to 6.27 on September 10. From that point values declined as supply approached demand, so that the average during 1915 was around ninety dollars a ton.

The only other explanation than that the phenomenal rise of the past week is due to unfavorable weather conditions in the countries producing the bulk of the world's supply, is that some of the powerful refining interests who favor free sugar are manipulating prices in an attempt to defeat the repeal of the tariff on Monday by the house of representatives.

This explanation is believed to be an unreasonable one and it is more probable that an actual shortage in the world's supply is developing.

BRAVERY OF CAPTAIN AND PURSER WINS REWARDS

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKYO, March 17.—Capt. T. Yamawaka and G. Kawata, purser of the Ya-saka Maru of the T. K. K. line, have been decorated by the Emperor for their bravery at the time of the submarine attack on the Ya-saka Maru. This merchantman was attacked in the Mediterranean Sea by an Austrian submarine and forty-five minutes after the ship had been torpedoed it sank. Capt. Yamawaka by his coolness saved every passenger and all members of the crew on the liner. When he returned to Japan, he as well as the purser, were honored and they were honored in receiving the first decoration that had ever been presented to an officer of a merchantman.

SECRETARY BROWN RUNS DOWN YOUNG HAWAIIAN

Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the chamber of commerce, accidentally ran down a young Hawaiian named Kahale Kaula on Thursday night near the Great Northern. He took the boy to the Queen's Hospital and reported the matter to the police. The boy was not severely injured but painfully scratched on the face and limbs. Yesterday he left the hospital of his own accord and Brown got a statement from him later that the accident had resulted from his own carelessness and not from Brown's.

FORMER HONOLULU IS GOOD AT HAY ROLLING

H. W. Johnston, formerly of this city, a graduate of the 1913 class at the College of Hawaii and now a senior at the College of Agriculture at the University of California, won the title of hay rolling contest at Davis Farm recently, being the first to move his bale 100 feet.

He was also a five in swimming circles during the past year and was goal keeper on the "city polo team which finished second in the California Western Polo League.

NEW AMBULANCE SAVES BLEEDING MAN FROM DEATH

Allen Herbert Collides In Auto With Wagon Driven By Kapahulu Japanese

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

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Congressman Kahn of the House military affairs committee, said that while the bill provides for an army peace strength of 140,000, in the immediate event of war the president could bring the army to 170,000, exclusively military troops.

BAD ROADS CAUSE OF AN ALMOST FATAL ACCIDENT

Two Men Severely Hurt and Herbert Cut On Hand By Flying Glass

As the result of an accident which occurred in the Kapahulu road early yesterday afternoon, N. Oka is lying in the emergency hospital with a badly battered head, Hiroaka is in the same condition with a fractured rib, and Allen Herbert is nursing a cut right hand.

Word was phoned to the police station about two o'clock that there had been an automobile accident in the Waihee road and that a Japanese was bleeding to death. The ambulance, in charge of P. I. Stevenson, went out while Dr. R. G. Ayer remained at the station to get things in readiness for the treatment of the injured.

It appears that Herbert was proceeding in his auto makai in Kapahulu road and when about seventy yards makai of the brickyard the right front wheel of his car sank into a hole in the gravel road.

The car swerved to the right to ward a big rock which was lying to the right of the road. Herbert pulled his machine to the left but was not strong enough to swerve back in time to avoid a collision with a wagon in which the Japanese were riding.

The auto smashed into the wagon, wrecking it and throwing the occupants to the ground. Hiroaka sustaining a fractured rib as a result of his fall.

Oka, who was driving, retained hold of the reins, and falling under the horse's feet was terribly kicked about the head.

Glen Oka Mr. Herbert

The auto, which was in the second gear at the time the accident occurred, damaged the left front tire, and had a lamp and windshield smashed. It was a piece of broken glass from the latter which cut Herbert across the back of his right hand.

When the ambulance arrived the injured men were lying by the side of the road and Oka was bleeding to death from a severed temple artery.

P. I. Stevenson rendered first aid and staunching the flow of blood and the men were placed in the ambulance, made as comfortable as possible and rushed to town with all possible speed. The run was made from the police station to the scene of the accident and back in twenty minutes.

Herbert proceeded to the office of Dr. St. D. G. Walters, where his injured hand was attended to, after which he reported the matter at the police station offered to stand all expenses.

Oka was found to have sustained six scalp wounds and a temple artery also severed. His left ear was also nearly torn off. One of the wounds in the back of the man's head was of such a terrible nature that it was for a time thought that the skull had been fractured. Twelve stitches in all were taken.

The new ambulance thoroughly proved its worth in handling the injured men, and the presence of adequate first aid facilities therein undoubtedly saved Oka's life.

When the ambulance arrived there was a crowd of persons around the wounded men, but no one, apparently, knew enough to do anything to relieve their sufferings.

PROMINENT WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY AT HER HOME

Following a short illness, Mrs. Thomas G. Thrum died at nine o'clock last night in the family residence, 1508 Thurston avenue, probably being the immediate cause of death. Although known by her immediate and intimate friends to have been seriously ill for some time, news of the death of Mrs. Thrum will be received as a shock in this community, which had known and loved her during a residence of half a century.

Mrs. Thrum was born in Brooklyn, New York, seventy-one years ago, and came to Hawaii when twenty-one years of age, making the islands and particularly Honolulu her home for the past fifty years. She was widely known throughout the Territory as a good and amiable woman, a loving wife, a tender mother and an excellent neighbor. For many years she was a very active worker in church and benevolent circles and in her declining years retained a keen interest in the doings of women in these and other fields.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Thomas G. Thrum, the well known publisher and merchant, and by a daughter and two sons—Mrs. E. A. Rowland and David P. Thrum of Honolulu and F. William Thrum of Hilo.

NATIONALIZATION BILL SIGNED BY YOSHIHITO

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKYO, March 16.—The dual nationalization bill was signed today by Emperor Yoshihito. It will become effective in June or July.

DEFENSE IS NOW SOLON'S SOLE AIM

Preparedness Measures Are Given Right of Way By Both Houses

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MONSTER NAVY YARD PROPOSED FOR COAST

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Rear Admiral Benson is strongly in favor of making the navy yard at Mare Island capable of building great battleships and as many of them as the Pacific Coast might need for its defense from attack.

"I believe that such a navy yard, so equipped, would be of vastly more value to the country, and especially to the Coast region, than one located upon Puget Sound," said the admiral.

It would need to be what he characterized as a "first-class plant in every sense of the word," he told the committee.

PRESIDENT APPROVES BIGGER ARMY BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Wilson today signed the joint congressional resolution calling for the various units of the army to be recruited up to full peace strength, making a total strength of the army of 120,000.

NEW MINISTER OF WAR OLD FRIEND OF JOFFRE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 17.—It is emphasized that the resignation of Gen. Gallieni, the French war minister, is due to ill health. General Roque, who succeeds him, is of the same type as General Joffre and the two are great friends. Roque has been decorated several times for bravery in war.

GOVERNMENT AT MANILA WILL BUY SUGAR MILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

MANILA, March 18.—Bernard Heston will leave for the United States next month armed with powers by the legislature to spend \$1,000,000 for the machinery of a centrifugal sugar mill which is to be established on the island of Negros.

FAMOUS GREEK ACTOR CONDEMNED AS A SPY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 18.—M. Condayannia, a well known Greek actor, who has been appearing here in different roles, has been tried and sentenced to death as a spy. He was tried by a military court martial.

TURKS REPORTED SEEK PEACE WITH ENTENTE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 17.—A Rome despatch says that a message from Berni, Switzerland, has been received there to the effect that Naby Bey, ex-Turkish ambassador to Rome, is endeavoring to negotiate a separate peace between Turkey and the Allies.

GERMANY'S CHANCELLOR TO RESIGN, RUMOR ASSERTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 17.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, is likely to retire from office soon, according to the Geneva, Switzerland, correspondent of the Daily Express.

LONDON STANDARD SUSPENDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 18.—The London Standard, one of the most influential daily papers in England for many years, has been forced to suspend publication. It was recently offered for sale but the offer found no takers. The Standard was established in 1857.

Senate Finance Committee Has Sugar Measure

Bill Repealing Duty-Free Clause In Tariff Law May Receive Bumps

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The free sugar repeal bill, which has passed the house and is now in the hands of the senate finance committee, is apt to meet with one or two bumps in its passage through the upper house. Yesterday afternoon Senator Hardwick introduced as a substitute for the repeal bill, a plank to impose an excise tax upon all sugar sold in the United States during the next three years.

The amount of the tax, Senator Hardwick would set at one cent a pound. It is believed that there is no danger of the substitute being received seriously by the upper house, where there appears a very favorable sentiment toward the measure.

Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the finance committee, says that he proposed to get to work upon the bill at once. No time is to be lost, he added, in reporting on the repeal bill, and he expects a favorable report and favorable action by the upper house.

PROVINCE OF KWANGSI REVOLTS AGAINST YUAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 18.—According to Chinese papers here the province of Kwangsi has revolted against the rule of Yuan Shih-kai, and the military governor, Luong Yung-Ting, is leading his forces against Lung Shih Kwang, the governor of Kwang Tung province, the capital of which is Canton. Should the rebels capture this province they will then hold three southern provinces and would gain direct access to the sea. This would enable them to establish communication and receive funds and supply from their sympathizers in the United States.

DESPATCH IS CONFIRMED

This despatch confirms in a way, a despatch to the Liberty News from Hongkong which reads:

"Revolutionary troops are fighting in the outskirts of Canton, the most important position held by the monarchists in all of China, according to the military nationalist authorities. They have made big gains in all sections of Kwangtung province, and military leaders believe that Canton will fall after a long siege."

"Should the republicans take Canton it will give them the greatest victory of the year. Canton is considered to be the wealthiest province in China, and according to republican leaders would contribute to the republican cause. Many of the provinces look to Kwangtung, and it is believed that should Canton form a part of the new republic other provinces will fall in line."

RECRUITING ROW STIRS DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 17.—A heated debate took place in the house of commons today and tonight over the order calling married men to the colors. The order has aroused much opposition, as it had been understood the call would not be issued for some time. The debate continued until one o'clock in the morning. There is some feeling over the extension of the compulsion act to the married classes.

JAPANESE SONG BIRD SCORES AS CHO-CHO-SAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Madame Tamaki Miori scored a hit last evening when she appeared at the Cort Theater as Cho-cho-san in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly." Critics praised her work and her interpretation of the character of the little Japanese maiden was considered the best ever given in this city. Madame Miori received many flowers and was the recipient of many large bouquets from her admirers. After the performance she attended the banquet held at the Nippon Club.

BRITAIN MAY EXCLUDE LUXURIES FROM ABROAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 18.—It was announced here last night that an order in council is soon to be issued by the government forbidding the continued importation of all luxuries during the continuance of the war.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 17.—The steamer Kanawha, New York for Rio Janeiro, has sunk off South Carolina. A lifeboat containing eight of the crew is still missing, twenty-one having been rescued.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. The signature of E. W. GROVE is on each box. Manufactured by the PARIS MEDICINE CO., St. Louis, U. S. A.

VERDUN BATTLE FLOCKERS DOWN TO INTERCHANGE OF CANNONADING

Shell Churned Battle Ground North of Famous French Fortress Has Respite As Exhausted Foesmen Take Earned Rest

GERMAN MUNITION DEPOT DESTROYED BY GUN FIRE

Constantinople Lays Claim To Victory Over British Columns At Kut-el-Amara. Says Britons Are Retiring Closely Pursued

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 18.—The last of the three great assaults made by the Germans under their Crown Prince against Verdun, is nickering out vainly, leaving the Teutons masters of but little more ground than they had when the first attack was launched last month. Hundreds of thousands of the Kaiser's men have been killed or wounded and taken prisoners, and the attempt to capture the fortress has been a total failure, say the military men who have been following every move of the enemy's masses.

Battle Field Now Quiet

The intensity of the fighting, which after a brief lull recommenced, today has now dwindled away into a save for isolated artillery fire, the ground, churned by thousands of high explosive shells and hundreds of mines, is quiet again for a time.

Even the guns appear exhausted, and the cannonading is intermittent, save at some of the northern fortresses protecting the road to Verdun. There the bombardment is more vigorous, each side answering the fire of the other with a certain amount of vim.

French Have Upper Hand

Here the French appear to be having slightly the best of it. Reports from the front declare that the heavier guns of the Gallie troops have successfully bombarded Champneuville, where they have destroyed a munition and supply depot established by the Germans shortly after the place was captured here.

To indicate that in some of the sections about Verdun, the French have succeeded in forcing the Teutons back from some of the land they took in their first desperate rushes of the first and second battles.

Elsewhere along the French and Belgian line there is comparative quiet with the official communique, save at points where the British attack. There the Germans launched several infantry attacks after a heavy preparatory artillery bombardment. But the attacks proved vain, for the French held in every instance, says Paris.

East of Verdun there were five successive German attacks, according to despatches from France, but they were repulsed with heavy losses. Berlin reports that the French attacks on the positions at La Houdrie Mort, and says that they too were repulsed with losses, by the guns of the Teutons.

Few Minor Changes

On the other fields of war there have been but slight changes according to the reports reaching this city. The Italian front, where during the last few days there has been a renewal of activity on the Isonzo front, reports that minor and unimportant changes of the line. On the eastern front where the armies of Russia are facing the combined armies of Germany and Austria, there has been some desultory fighting, but nothing that stands out as worth special mention.

Report British Defeat

Reports from Constantinople declare that the British troops at Kut-el-Amara and in the Tigris valley, have been disastrously defeated and are in retreat with the Turkish forces in pursuit.

Other reports which come to London, via Salonika, assert that the Ottoman empire is on the verge of surrendering to the Entente allies. According to this despatch the people of Turkey are wearied of the war and the tremendous losses justifying the British financial strain, and are petitioning their government to abandon the Central Powers and sue for peace with the Allies.

PRESIDENT IS INTEREST